



REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS

AUTOMATED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) SOLUTION FOR THE CONNECTH2O PROGRAM

Solicitation No.: R-19-014-FF
Addendum 2 | December 12, 2019

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RECEIVED

1. **Question** - Does SAWS require a 24 month warranty on all products and services to include installation? At what point does the warranty period start and end?

Response – This question will be answered in a future addendum.

2. **Question** – Does the performance bond need to stay in place for 1 year after the work is completed or 1 year after the warranty period expires?

Response - This question will be answered in a future addendum.

3. **Question** – SAWS requires the selected vendor to have their WOMS available for SAWS to use for their Pilot Program. (Beginning July 2020). Who will provide the handhelds? If handhelds are provided to SAWS for the Pilot, how many handhelds would SAWS require to be provided and supported? Will Call Center Services to be provided for SAWS personnel during the Pilot Program require appointment setting? How many SAWS installers will the Call Center and WOMS need to support?

Response - The EPI vendor is required to provide handhelds (Exh. B, Requirement 2.5.4). Exh. B, Requirement 2.8.17 indicates that 10 handhelds are to be provided to SAWS. Yes, these Call Center services are required for the Pilot phase. SAWS has requested an option for the EPI to perform installation services for the Pilot. If SAWS provides, then up to ten installers would need support. .

4. **Question** – Is this program Federally Funded?

Response - Yes, with pass-through funds from the EPA from the Texas Water Development Board . However, SAWS is prepared to fund this project 100% with its own funds if necessary.

5. **Question** – At what point will SAWS make the decision on Options 1, 2, 3 or 4? Are we to quote all 4 options? If so, will SAWS require a separate RFP response for each option or just pricing?

Response - Offeror is to complete the pricing workbook. SAWS will use the information from this workbook to understand Offeror's costs for each of the four options. Offeror need only to submit a single RFP response with a single pricing response. .

6. Question – What percentage of the Pilot meters will be residential and C&I? Will any recycled water or wholesale connections be included in the Pilot?

Response - Parameters for the pilot have not been finalized. However, assume that the meter population in the Pilot will mirror that of the service territory as provided in Appendices 6 (SAWS AMI Meter Options & Water Deployment Plan) & 7 (Meter and Location Information). Recycled water and wholesale connections will not be included in the Pilot.

7. Question – What size meters are your recycled water and wholesale customers on?

Response - Meter size information can be found in Appendix 7, Meter and Location Information which requires a Disclaimer form to be submitted in order to receive access to download. The Disclaimer form is found on the SAWS solicitation website for this project.

8. Question – During the Pilot Phase SAWS states that 2 vendors will be selected to participate in the Pilot. Is this a 50/50 Split? 2,500 meters each? If so, will SAWS select just one WOMS and Call Center for support or will that be divided as well?

Response - The pilot areas will be split 50/50 between the two selected AMI vendors. A single Endpoint Installation vendor will be selected.

9. Question – Will SAWS be responsible for the meter salvage and hazardous material disposal of during the Pilot phase?

Response - Yes, SAWS will provide bins for the EPI vendor to place meters that need to be salvaged and hazardous materials. SAWS will then dispose of these items.

10. Question – What percentage of meters are indoors? Residential? C&I?

Response - Meter location information can be found in Appendix 7, Meter and Location Information which requires a Disclaimer form to be submitted in order to receive access to download. This Disclaimer form is found on the SAWS solicitation website for this project. Additional breakdowns of residential vs. commercial are clarified in Appendix 6, Tab 3.

11. Question – What percentage of meters would be considered hard to access?

Response - Meter location information can be found in Appendix 7, Meter and Location Information which requires a Disclaimer form to be submitted in order to receive access to download. This Disclaimer form is found on the SAWS solicitation website for this project. Offeror should utilize this information to assess hard to access conditions.

12. Question – Can SAWS provide a list of meter locations and SAWS owned infrastructure in Excel format for the 2,501 meter pilot in order for us to conduct a propagation analysis?

Response - No, the locations of the three pilot areas have not yet been finalized.

13. Question – Can SAWS provide a list of meter locations SAWS owned infrastructure in Excel format for 569,546 full deployment in order for us to conduct a propagation analysis?

Response - Meter size information is provided in Appendix 7, Meter and Location Information which requires a Disclaimer form to be submitted in order to receive access to download. The Disclaimer form is found on the SAWS solicitation website for this project.

14. Question – Are any of the replacement meter boxes or new expansions going to have AMR ready lids?

Response - No. Please read Appendix 8 - SAWS Meter Box Information.

15. Question – We understand there are several options on the table for water meter replacement, but can SAWS elaborate on how water meters and/or registers (for retrofits) will be sourced for the Pilot project? Will there be a separate procurement for water meters and/or registers for the Pilot and future Full Deployment?

Response - Positive displacement meters and registers will be procured by SAWS. Static meters will be procured as part of this Solicitation. A single procurement effort will be utilized for pilot and full deployment.

16. Question – Can SAWS elaborate on the choice to Pilot more than one AMI solution with only a single MDMS and Installation vendor?

Response - SAWS is not prepared to elaborate.

17. Question – Knowing that CPS Energy currently has an AMI system, what is CPSE’s role in the pilot project and full deployment at SAWS.

Response - SAWS is conducting a competitive process to procure an AMI and MDMS solution. SAWS intends to select an AMI and MDMS solution that best meets our needs as set forth in the solicitation. This solicitation is open to any qualifying AMI and MDMS solution vendor.

18. Question – In reference to Appendix 7, which meter locations will be included in the Pilot(s)?

Response - The pilot locations have not yet been finalized.

19. Question – SAWS shows to have 395,000 cast iron lids...can you provide the specifications on all sizes that comprise that 395K lids.

Response - Appendix 14 - Spec 833 Meter and Meter Box Installation provides information on lids.

20. Question – I may have missed it, but can you provide us with asset information, such as (Water Tower locations/addresses & heights, Surface tank locations/addresses and heights, Lift Stations locations/addresses, City buildings locations/addresses, City facilities such as parks locations/addresses) anything the city owns in order to utilize for infrastructure deployment

Response - SAWS asset information can be found in Appendix 9 - SAWS Towers, Tanks, Facilities and Communications Assets Information. Appendix 9 requires a Disclaimer form to be submitted in order to receive access to download. The Disclaimer form is found on the SAWS solicitation website for this project.

21. Question – Can we get a breakdown per meter size the quantities SAWS is looking for I.E. 395,000 – 5/8 X 3/4 XXX – 3/4" XXX – 1" meters.

Response - Meter size information can be found in Appendix 7, Meter and Location Information which requires a Disclaimer form to be submitted in order to receive access to download. The Disclaimer form is found on the SAWS solicitation website for this project.

22. Question – Is SAWS planning on switching residential meters only?

Response - No. Refer to Appendix 7, Meter and Location Information which requires a Disclaimer form to be submitted in order to receive access to download. The Disclaimer form is found on the SAWS solicitation website for this project.

CLARIFICATIONS

1. The attached slides from the Pre-Submittal Conference were corrected and/or added to the presentation to provide further detail of the DBE and SMWB requirements for this RFCSP. The entire presentation is also available for download from the SAWS RFCSP solicitation page at: https://apps.saws.org/Business_Center/Contractsol/Drill.cfm?id=3707&View=Yes

END OF ADDENUM

This Addendum, including attachments, is six (6) pages in its entirety.

DBE Sources

- **Any State or Federal Source that certifies DBEs**
- **No Local Requirement**

Required DBE Solicitation Methods

At least two of the seven methods must be used.

- Newspaper Advertisements
- Minority Media
- Direct Contact (Phone, Fax, USPS Mail, or Email) (Three Biz Min./One must be a DBE.)
- Meetings or Conferences
- Internet & Web Postings
- Trade Association Publications
- Other Government Publications